project site which monitor the radio-activity level in areas both inside and outside the operating nuclear power stations and carry out regular radiological surveys. The environmental survey laboratory (ESL) takes nearly 2000 samples of water, air, soil, goat, thyroid, fish, milk etc. to cover the entire Flora and Fauna, every year. With nearly 120 full power reacter years of operation in India, the ESLs have established that radio-activity from nuclear power plants is too insignificant to cause any effect on the public and environment at large. These laboratories are functioning under the control of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and are independent of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited which operates these power stations.

Problems of N.E. Region

2251. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since worked out any comprehensive and well-integrated package of programme to deal with the special problems of the North Eastern region, particularly the regional disparity in the economic development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). Planning and Development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose is primarily the responsibility of State Government. North Eastern States are already receiving priority attention from Government of India to meet their economic development needs in order to meet regional disparity and to take care of specific problems.

JRY

2252. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in Allahabad district block-wise and year-wise during the last three years; and

(b) the number of man-days for which employment was offered in each block during each of the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Year-wise Central release of funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) to Allahabad district during to the last three years, is as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
1993-94	2126.45
1994-95	2385.70
1995-96	2402.29

Funds are not released to the blocks under the JRY.

(b) Block-wise employment generation under JRY is not monitored at the Central level.

[Translation]

Generation of Power from Sea waves

2253. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for generation of power from sea waves;

(b) whether any assistance is being sought for this purpose from World Bank; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). There is a proposal from a Swedish firm for setting up a Wave Energy Power Plant of 1 MW capacity on Build, Own and Operate (B-O-O) basis off the coast of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, at an estimated cost of US $ three million and at a cost of Rs. six per kwh. In view of the high unit cost of the proposal, further details have been called for. The Government have so far not sought any assistance from the World Bank for this proposal.

Approval to Delhi Projects

2254. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the projects of Delhi sent to the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation for their approval;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which approval is likely to be given to these projects and the reasons, if any, for delay therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). The details of the projects of Delhi sent to the